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Sir:

RESPONSE


Responsive to the Official Action of April 5, 2005 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicant elects the subject matter of claims 18-21, Group IV, directed to five-membered heterocyclic amines. Please note claim 21 was not grouped in the restriction requirement. Claim 21 belongs to Group IV, the elected group.

Please examine the elected claims on the merits taking into account the documents cited in the parent application, now U.S. 6,723,819, as listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 15, 2005.

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